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1. DURING INTERVIEW ON JUNE 11 WITH MEMBERS OF THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL SOCIAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (CONAPS), STOJAN ANDOV, YUGOSLAV MINISTER FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRAISED PERU'S SOCIAL PROPERTY CONCEPT. ANDOV NOTED THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S "SOCIAL PROPERTY" HAS BEEN ATTACKED SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN THE 1950'S, BUT THAT IT IS NOT IMPORTANT WHERE THE ATTACKS COME FROM, WITHIN OR WITHOUT ONE'S COUNTRY, SINCE "WHEN WE ARE ATTACKED, THIS MEANS THAT THE DANGER IS FOR THE ATTACKERS." HE THEN QUOTED A YUGOSLAV SAYING TO THE EFFECT THAT "THE GOOD HORSE LEAVES DUST IN ITS TRACKS."

2. COMMENT: DURING THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING PROMULGATION OF THE SOCIAL PROPERTY LAW (REF C), THE GOP TENDED TO PLAY DOWN ITS YUGOSLAV ANTECEDENTS, EMPHASIZING INSTEAD THAT THE CONCEPT IS COMPLETELY PERUVIAN IN NATURE. NOW, HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONAPS BELIEVES THAT IT NEEDS
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TO STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT AGAINST

THOSE WITHIN THE GOP WHO OPPOSE IT. THUS, IN ADDITION TO INVITING A YUGOSLAV MINISTER TO PERU, THREE CONAPS MEMBERS, INCLUDING ITS PRESIDENT, ANGEL DE LAS CASAS, TRAVELED TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY LAST WEEK TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SELF-MANAGED ENTERPRISES BEING SPONSORED BY CZECH-AMERICAN PROFESSOR JAROSLAV VANEK, AND EXPERT ON SELF-MANAGED ECONOMIES, WHOSE IDEAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE INITIAL FRAMEWORK OF THE PERUVIAN MODEL.

3. GIVEN THE SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURAL (PRINCIAPALLY FINANCIAL) DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAV MODEL AND ITS PERUVIAN DESCENDANT, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ANDOV DESCRIBED THE YUGOSLAV SELF-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DIRECTLY IN TERMS OF SOCIAL PROPERTY. FURTHER, WE SURMISE THAT CONAPS MAY BE SEEKING EITHER TECHNICAL AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ITS SOCIAL PROPERTY ENTERPRISES FROM YUGOSLAVIA (IT IS ALREADY RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HUNGARY AND EAST GERMANY).
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